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P.M. MEETS THE FEW.

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An Air Council reception at Lancaster House celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Earl and Countess Attlee were early arrivals. Group Captain Archie Hope and Sandy Johnson recalled that famous summer when the Few won undying glory.

The Legless hero, Group Captain Bader, with Group Captain Dundas.

Flying Officer Gear, declined a request to sing The Largest Aspidistra in the world.

Group Captain Deere was shot down nine times, and accounted for at least forty of the enemy. That great Hurricane pilot, Wind Commander Tusk, with Group Captains Aitken and Bader.

The Prime Minister, with Battle of Britain Commander, Lord Dowding. Other famous R.A.F. heroes included Lord Tedder.

After a tribute to the immortals of the Battle of Britain, Mr. Macmillan continued:-

"What we must all hope and pray is that there will never be another Battle of Britain, that air power will not in future win wars, but help to prevent wars, that must be our supreme aim. Let us therefore honour those who fought in the Battle of Britain, whose superb gallantry in defence of our Island, changed the course of history"..